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SCOPE IN PRODUCTION OF PULSES IN ORISSA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the vast scope in the production of pulse in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to increase pulses production in the State during the last three years; and

(d) the details of Central assistance extended to Orissa for the purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): There is good scope for production of pulses in the State of Orissa.The experiment conducted in the state indicate that Green/Black Gram can be successfully cultivated in rice fallows. In uplands substantial scope exists for short duration Pigeon Pea.

The ICAR in association with state Agricultural University has developed improvedvarieties of pulses for the state of Orissa. Some prominent varieties for Green Gram are Pusa 9072, TARM-1, PDM-54, Black Gram DPU-1, Pigeon Pea ICPL 87119.

(c): To enhance the pulses production in the state of Orissa, a scheme of National Pulses Development Project (NPDP) is being implemented for this purpose. Under the scheme, assistance is being provided for different inputs like production & distribution of seeds, seed minikits, improved farm implements, rhyzobium culture, micro-nutrients, Integrated Pest Management, distribution of sprinkler sets, Gypsum/Prite, etc. In addition, frontline and block demonstrations are also organized on farmers` fields for transfer of technology.

(d): The details of the Central assistance extended to Orissa under the scheme of NationalPulses Development Project (NPDP) during last three years are given below:

Year	(Rs. in lakh)
2000-01	145.50
2001-02	58.50
2002-03	10.00